

# PENDLETON

HOME TOWN NEWS

SUMMER EDITION ~ 2016



**Joel Maerten**  
625-8833

## FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S DESK

One evening recently I stopped-by the Town Hall to get caught-up on the usual items with the anticipation that it would be empty and quiet, allowing me to focus without interruption. I was a bit surprised to find the building open and busier than I would have expected. That evening

the newly formed Community Celebration Committee was meeting with overwhelming participation of our Town's residents and the Recreation Committee was holding sign-ups for the Town's summer recreation program. I didn't accomplish as much as I hoped I would, but that didn't bother me because it was great to see such energy and excitement focused on activities that benefit all of our town's residents and support the activities that make our town such a great place to live.

We all owe the Recreation Committee, under the leadership of Chairman Steve Lorenzo, a great deal of gratitude for the time and effort the members dedicate to improving and increasing recreational opportunities in our town. As our town grows, so does the interest in activities that take place in Town-maintained areas. Collaboration with partners such as the CNBSA, PABA, KidsPlay, and other groups and organizations make all things possible for our residents. Thanks to all for their efforts in making all of the recreational opportunities possible.

The Town's Community Celebration Committee is well underway in its efforts to plan community events

and celebrations. Deputy Supervisor Denuelle Meyer and Councilmen Dave Fischer and Todd Ostrowski have a great group of energized residents who are pouring a lot of energy into the planning. Thank you all for stepping forward and working to address the planning necessary to have organized town-wide events that will provide opportunities to bring us all together.

Summer is finally arriving and before you know it, it will be July 4<sup>th</sup>. So we are all aware, the Town has

been forced to modify the launch location of the fireworks, but viewing will still be possible from the Town Park. The changes are related to safety issues and are out of the control of the Town government. Thanks goes to Councilman Dave Leible for spending a lot of time working through these new issues. We all look forward to a fireworks display as exciting as ever!

Speaking with Highway Superintendent Jeff Stowell and Water & Sewer Superintendent Jim Argo on a regular basis, I can tell you that their crews are hard at work addressing the many tasks that summer brings. From maintaining the Town Park to ditching to road work and more, there are never enough hours in the week to do as much as we all would like to see done. The employees of these departments deserve credit for taking care of so many things that we rely on each day and frequently take for granted. If you are waiting for attention to a problem in your neighborhood, please be patient as they are all doing their best to address everyone's issues.

Many residents have patiently been waiting for updates to FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps with the hope that their property will be removed from within the zone that requires flood insurance. As noted in Town Board meeting minutes from earlier this year, a meeting was held in the Town Hall with FEMA, the Town's engineer, and other parties and it looks like we are getting very close to a favorable resolution. Working with the Town's engineer, a mailing list is being compiled so a letter outlining the timeline and important information can be sent to affected parties so everyone is up-to-date on the issue. Watch your mailbox and the Town's website towards the end of June.

A lot is going on in Town government and as always I encourage everyone to stay informed. All meeting minutes are available on the Town's website ([www.pendletonny.us](http://www.pendletonny.us)) as are all news items and announcements of meetings and public hearings. Also, certainly feel free to contact me with concerns and questions.

Finally, there's a recreation survey included in this newsletter that I'm hoping everyone takes a moment to complete and return it to the Town Hall. We were hoping to have this survey available in an electronic format, but a number of factors made this not possible at this time. Please complete the survey and mail to the Town Hall, return in person, or scan and email to me at [jmaerten@pendletonny.us](mailto:jmaerten@pendletonny.us). The survey will also be available in PDF format on the Town's website and

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## Your Town Board

### Councilmen



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printed copies will be available in the Town Clerk's Office. This survey was created by the Town's grant writer in collaboration with the Town Board and the Recreation & Community Center Committees. This survey is important in that it helps inform the Town Board and the Town's committees as well as helps to collect data that is necessary for future grant applications. Thank you for taking time to help by completing and returning this survey.

In closing, I don't have the time or space to name every person who helps make the Town of Pendleton government work so well, and if I tried I'd inadvertently miss someone. Thank you all for your efforts and dedication! I hope everyone has a great summer!

Sincerely, Joel Maerten

### TOWN CLERK

#### TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

HOLIDAY	DATE	EFFECT
4th of July	Monday, July 4	Tuesday delayed until Wednesday, July 6 Wednesday delayed until Thursday, July 7
Labor Day	Monday, Sept 5	Tuesday delayed until Wednesday, September 7 Wednesday delayed until Thursday, September 8

#### REMINDERS:

Items containing freon please call Modern at 1-800-330-7107 to arrange for pickup.

Niagara County's next hazardous waste collection will be held at the Town of Lockport DPW on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please make an appointment at [www.rethinkyourwaste.com](http://www.rethinkyourwaste.com), no sooner than 30 days before the event. Please use the Town's website [www.pendletonny.us](http://www.pendletonny.us) for various meetings and items of interest. Like our Facebook page @ [facebook.com/pendletontownhall](https://www.facebook.com/pendletontownhall)

Terry Pienta

### RECREATION

Our Town parks offer the opportunity to enjoy playgrounds, baseball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, roller hockey, and upcoming pickleball. We have picnic pavilions that can be reserved by calling 625-8833. Please keep in mind that the Town Trails are multi use. Always use courtesy and show respect on the trails. There is a speed limit of 15 mph.

The six week Town of Pendleton Youth Summer Recreation Program begins on Tuesday, July 12. Child orientation starts at 9am at Starpoint Middle School.

I would like to thank Boy Scouts Troop 8 and Troop 47 from Cambria for cleaning up 9 Mile Island while participating in the "Canal Clean Sweep Weekend". They filled two trucks with trash and recyclables, NICE JOB!

The Town Highway Department should also be recognized for all the fantastic work they have been doing with the baseball and soccer fields.

On a personal note, I have to thank Charlie Langlois for his time as Recreation Director and all of the guidance he has given me in the last few months. Charlie remains on the Recreation Committee but has devoted most of his time now to an exciting new endeavor. The committee will continue to work on improving Town Parks and recreation for YOU.

Enjoy your Summer!

Steve Lorenzo, Recreation Director

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### PENDLETON SENIORS

Summer is almost here and the flowers are starting to bloom. The Pendleton Seniors meet the third Wednesday of the month at the Pendleton Town Hall. You must be a resident of the Town of Pendleton and 55 years of age or older to join. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. We eat at noon. Our upcoming trips are: **June 28<sup>th</sup>** - to the Sonnenberg Gardens and Mansion State Park. Lunch will be at the Holloway House. On the way home we will stop at Abbey of the Genesee to purchase some Monks Bread. **July 26<sup>th</sup>** - a Seneca Lake Cruise. We will enjoy a full course meal on the boat. We will stop at the Three Brothers Winery in Geneva, NY. On our way home, **August 23<sup>rd</sup>** - we will travel to Varysburg to the Hidden Valley Animal Adventure. We will have a tour through the park and a buffet will be served at the Lodge. After, we will stop at the Made in America Store in Elma, NY. The Pendleton Seniors would like to thank the Lions Club for the wonderful dinner they provided the Seniors on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was very good and enjoyed by all. Thanks again. Remember our Veterans and our people in the Armed Forces. For further information call Jane Walter at 693-6966.

Jane Walter, President

### WENDELVILLE SENIORS

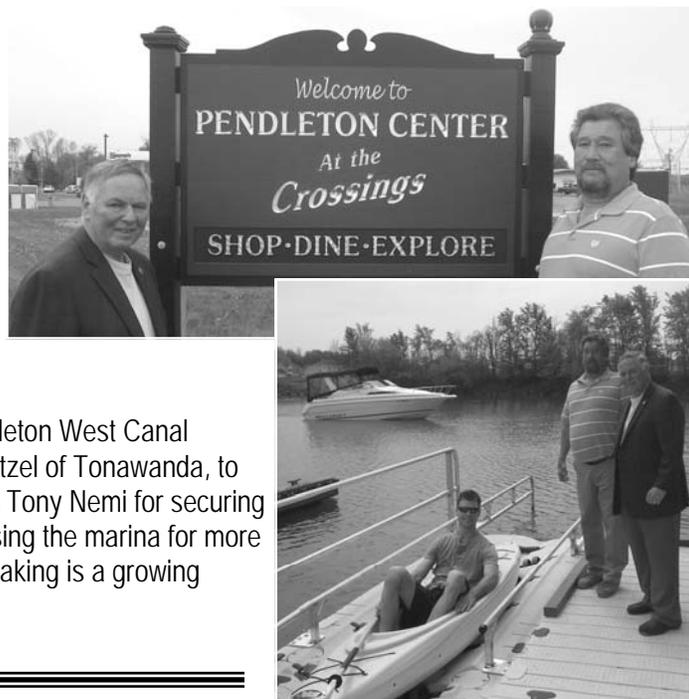
Summer is here again; hope it is a good one. We had election of officers in May with the results: President-Lorraine Gately, Vice President-Beverly Richardson, Secretary-Norma Lavocat, and Treasurer-Helen Cassel. Our picnic will be July 11<sup>th</sup> in the Pendleton Town Park. Chairmen are Donna and John Moyer. On September 12<sup>th</sup> we will have our basket raffle at the Town Hall. Chairmen are Norma Lavocat and Barb Ciepiella. Our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at the Pendleton Town Hall. You must be a resident of Pendleton and 55 years or older to join us. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. We have a pot luck lunch at 12:00 noon. If you have any questions I can be reached at 625-9106. Please remember our Veterans and those serving in the Armed Forces. Enjoy your summer and keep safe.

Lorraine Gately, President

## UPDATE FROM LEGISLATOR TONY NEMI

County Legislator Tony Nemi and Town Councilman Dave Leible view new "Welcome to Pendleton Center" signs. The Town and County work collaboratively in securing grant monies for the purchase of signage. Supervisor Joel Maerten and Tom Homme of the Pendleton Business and Community Association are actively branding and promoting Pendleton Center area as the main commercial and retail section in town. The group is working with Andrea Klyczek of the County Economic Department to identify and contact possible retailers. Pendleton has a lot of great water recreation activities for the public, including boating, kayaking, and fishing.

Tony has made sure the County made improvements to the Pendleton West Canal Marina. He is with Councilman Dave Leible along with kayaker Brian Stoetzel of Tonawanda, to inspect the new launch dock at the marina. Dave Leible personally thanks Tony Nemi for securing a Greenway grant to purchase the new dock. The Town is interested in using the marina for more recreational activities to complement the Town Recreation Programs. Kayaking is a growing activity for all ages and this dock provides for a safe way to the water.



### PENDLETON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pendleton Historical Society meeting is held on the third Monday of the month at the cabin on Campbell Blvd., at 7:30 P.M. The Board of Directors meet at 7:00 P.M. We are having a basket raffle at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at the Town Park. Tickets for the basket raffle will be available at the Garage Sale on June 4<sup>th</sup>. On July 4<sup>th</sup> we will be selling roast beef sandwiches, popcorn, pop and water. Please come

and see the old loom that we have and the rag rugs that we made. Our annual picnic will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We eat at 6:00 P.M. Meat and beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. During July and August the cabin will be open on Sundays from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. everyone is welcome. For further information call Carol Moeller at 625-8769 or Jane Walter at 693-6966.

Jane Walter, Secretary



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**FROM THE WATER/SEWER BILLING DEPARTMENT**

Well it looks like we are going to have a rainy finish to the month of May, which should make pulling weeds a little easier as we get our gardens and flower beds ready for the much anticipated summer season. I sure hope we have a nice one this year!!

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE TOWN OF PENDLETON DOES NOT MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO WATER/SEWER BILLS FOR SPRINKLER SYSTEMS OR THE FILLING OF SWIMMING POOLS.**

Water/sewer bills are mailed out by the last Friday of January, April, July and October. If you do not receive your water bill by the end of the first week of the following month please contact the billing clerk at (716) 625-8833, ext. 111.

If you are selling your home you must first notify the water department at (716) 625-8033 as soon as possible to schedule a **MANDATORY WATER LINE INSPECTION**; and second notify the billing clerk at (716) 625-8833 ext. 111 with the date of your closing so that a final read can be scheduled.

Please remember all of the men and women who have served and who are serving in the Armed Forces.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!

**For a copy of the Annual 2015 Water Quality Report:**

<http://pendletonny.us/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/AWQR-2015-NCWD-Town-Template-Completed.pdf>

Rita Dispenza

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**RABIES IMMUNIZATION CLINICS FOR 2016**

<b>Sat Jul 16</b>	<b>Town of Royalton Highway Garage</b>
9:00am - 11:00am	5316 Royalton Center Rd. Town of Royalton 716-772-2431
<b>Sat Sep 17</b>	<b>Town of Lockport Highway Department</b>
9:00am - 11:00am	6560 Dysinger Rd. Town of Lockport, NY 716-439-9524
<b>Sat Dec 3</b>	<b>City of North Tonawanda - Public Works Department</b>
9:00am - 11:00am	758 Erie Avenue, City of North Tonawanda 716-695-8585

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## PENDLETON FARM & HOME DAYS PLANNED FOR 2017

Pendleton residents are united and planning is underway for the town to host an annual Pendleton Farm & Home Days in late August 2017.

The event is tentatively slated to take place sometime during the third weekend in August (18-20) 2017. The actual number of days of the events have not yet been determined. The selected theme of the event is Pendleton Farm & Home Days: Past, Present & into the Future!

The Pendleton Farm & Home Days planning committee is being Co-Chaired by town residents Denuelle Meyer (625-3978) and JoAnne Zimmerman (743-1187).

Currently, the planning committee is seeking interested members of the community to help make this event a success. Community participants are needed to assist in the following area(s):

- Parade
- Historical
- Advertising/ Marketing

- Food and Beverage
- Entertainment
- Security/Compliance
- Beer/Wine
- Community Groups

If you are interested in participating in one of the committees please contact one of the Co-Chairs for the event.

Further information will be forthcoming. Thank you all for cooperation and efforts in helping move this goal forward.

Councilman Todd Ostrowski

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Due to federal regulations we will not be able to have our fireworks show in the town park as always, the display will be on the town property across the street. It will still be viewed in the park, and all other activities will be the same and start at 5.00. Music by Bryan Berhalter will start at 5.30, and the sky divers around 8:00–8:30. Hope everyone has a safe and great holiday.  
Thank You, Councilman Leible

## TOWN HISTORIAN

### Pendleton's Own Murder Mystery

Hello Residents! I recently came across some old newspapers from the summer of 1899 and there were a few articles on a murder mystery that happened here in Pendleton! It's a fairly interesting case and it was very controversial, and perhaps still is.

Her name was Sarah A. Mumford. At the time she was around 16, but she was about 12 when she came to live in Pendleton with the Tripp family. They had adopted her from a Rochester orphan asylum, and they brought her to their farm to be a bond servant.

Henry Tripp and his family, wife, Matilda, son, Loren, and daughter, Iva lived and worked on their farm on Noodletown Road, which is now Aiken. Loren had his own home across the street, but still worked on the farm, and Iva was a school teacher in town. The farm life was not pleasant for Sarah though, there were many horrible stories of abuse by the hands of the Tripps. One story is that they had hung Sarah up by her thumbs, another is that she simply was not given shoes or hats and would have to make do with scraps of leather and rags. The Truant Officer had also been to the house repeatedly to bring Sarah to school, but the family insisted that she was being taught at home. She was seemingly punished for no reason, as most of the town people that ever had the chance to meet her thought she was a kind and sweet girl. Many had claimed they heard her talking about wanting to run away but she had to wait two years until she came of age and received her legacy of \$200 (about \$5700 today) a bed, and some decent furniture.

Regardless of what she had gone through, the last moments of her life had been horrific. The night of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1899, Sarah went missing during a tremendous thunderstorm. The next morning, she was found by a farmer about 4 miles away, right by the Shawnee Crossroads. Sarah was not recognizable. The body was 'scattered' along the track. It was a gruesome sight and immediately the rumors started flying through Pendleton. Many assumed that the Tripps were responsible for the murder, and that Sarah was pregnant or, as they said, "a delicate condition." In the newspapers that I have, Dr. W.M. Pettit, who assisted in the autopsy claims that there was no evidence

to prove that she was with child, but other historians believe that she was indeed pregnant, so there is a one part of the mystery that will never be known.

The autopsy also showed that it was impossible for Sarah to have been hit and killed by an oncoming train. Doctors and experts testified that they had found little to no blood on the tracks and that if a live person had been hit by a train there would have been a lot more blood covering the tracks, rails, and train. Dr. Pettit claimed that she was dead before she was placed on the tracks from severe trauma to the head.

Many people testified against the Tripp family, citing the abuse, and how she was virtually confined to their property, but one of the most damning pieces of evidence came from Charles Wollaber. Charles was an engineer that was out during the storm of June 8<sup>th</sup>, and swore that he saw the Tripps canopy top wagon heading towards the Shawnee crossroads. The Coroner's Jury and the Constable saw this as enough evidence to search the family property for the wagon, and they did indeed find blood there.

The trial was a long affair that did not bring justice to poor Sarah Mumford. Henry, Matilda, and Loren were arrested as the main culprits, with Iva being arrested as an accomplice. Bail was set at \$3,000 for them, but then Henry's was raised to \$12,000. The newspapers describe Mrs. Tripp being "hysterical with grief when arrested," but the others appeared aloof and "took their arrest coolly." Unfortunately the case did not hold up because the autopsy could not prove what the cause of death was due to the damage of the body, and there was no definite proof of the abuse.

Sarah was laid to rest in a Mapleton Road cemetery with only her name inscribed on her tombstone. The mystery is still out there because as I was reading the various newspapers and past articles on Miss Mumford, there are different accounts of abuse, different ages, and opinions if she was pregnant or not. The chances of us ever finding out what exactly happened to this poor victim are so very slim, but that still won't stop us from wanting to learn all we can about this case.

As always, feel free to contact me at [tpellish@gmail.com](mailto:tpellish@gmail.com) !  
Tori Pellish



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## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Hello, so far, it has been a typical very busy spring in the Highway and Parks Department. We have had a lot of steel culvert pipe caving in from deterioration and have been replacing them as quickly as possible. Anyone who has steel pipe under their driveway or lawn please be aware that someday it will need to be replaced. The homeowner bears the cost of the pipe and the town of Pendleton does the work. This applies to town roads only. The County is responsible for replacing the pipe on their designated roads. However, State roads unfortunately are an entirely different situation. Residents that live on these roads are totally responsible for any occurrences.

As far as roadwork plans, Aiken Road from the old wood bridge near Beach Ridge to Mapleton is scheduled for a hot blacktop overlay. This section had the base repaired approximately five years ago followed by oil and stone, then a thin micro-seal was applied the following year. Although the base is still in good condition, the very thin cap needs the overlay or all base repairs will be for naught.

As many of you know, I have lost faith in the blacktop companies as they were "tweaking" their product to help with rising costs and environmental issues. Approximately 13 to 14 years ago is where this newer product was put in place throughout the region. The majority of the roads we "blacktopped" lasted two to three years when during the "good old days" would last for at least 10 or more years without much maintenance. In the last five years the only roads to get a thicker top coat were Aiken, north (between Mapleton and Lockport Roads) which was an experimental effort on our part. We used a polymer added blacktop which is what I call, "good old-fashioned blacktop." So far, this has proven to outlast "regular newer blacktop" by at least double the time. Presently, it costs approximately \$10 more per ton. However, it is a far superior product than what we all were previously using.

Another product I have been using is called Nova Chip, which is also a special mix that only one company manufactures. I used this on our section of Mapleton between Campbell and Bear Ridge two years ago. The County used the regular top on their section of Mapleton from Campbell west to Shawnee.

The Nova Chip we applied on Mapleton was also used by the County on Bear Ridge from Feigle to Campbell and E. Canal and from Fisk to Robinson. Our roads have held up better than theirs for some reason which still needs to be determined.

During the interim I have crack sealed, oiled and stoned and micro-sealed many of our roads to keep them sealed. Other than rebuilding all the bases of our roads, this is the best method in preserving them. Once Aiken is paved, I will see how much money is left in the budget to work on any other roads that are in need of repair.

By the time you will receive this newsletter Feigle Road should be done with construction and grass growing. The contractor for the County attacked the road with a large crew which in turn was completed much faster than most projects, even though the affected residents were slightly inconvenienced. Again, this was funded partly by Federal money that was approximately 15 years in the making. This is the same grant money that I applied for Fisk Road a couple of years ago. Now for the bad news: When we applied the cost estimate for Fisk Road was \$2.5 million and the town's share would only be 10% or \$250,000. This spring we were told that due to cuts

and or lack of funds that if we were still interested, the Federal government would pay \$1,000,000 of the cost if we would pay \$1.5 million. After picking myself up off the floor, I gave the information to the Town Board. Since we had exactly two weeks to give a yes or no answer whether we would still be interested, the board voted to proceed with a non-binding resolution, meaning we would not be taken off the list permanently for possible future consideration. This allows us more time to try to get some money from other sources to keep the town's share as low as possible. Once again I have averaged approximately \$225,000 to work on all of our town roads per year.

Other notes: We will **not** be chipping brush from after July 4<sup>th</sup> until just before Labor Day. Before and after that, I cannot give a schedule with the minimum crew that I have at this time. All I can say is that we try to schedule out twice a month depending on all of our other jobs and manpower.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 716.625.8033 or [jstowell@pendletonny.us](mailto:jstowell@pendletonny.us).

Jeff Stowell  
Highway Superintendent



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### PENDLETON VETERANS ASSOCIATION

HELLO PENDLETON ! A lot has happened this Spring with our Association.

The Starpoint School Board voted down the proposition for a Veterans school tax exemption again on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The Pendleton Veterans Association will continue to support passage of the exemption in recognition of all our local veterans .

An update as promised on the Poole Cemetery issue reported in the last newsletter. A big thanks goes out to Jim Sobczyk the son of the late Ben Sobczyk, long time town historian. Jim researched his father's papers and reported that he found documentation that not 1 but 2 Revolutionary War soldiers and a civilian Revolutionary War POW are buried in the cemetery. Our Association stands firm in total opposition to any acquisition of cemetery property for any commercial enterprise. At this point the Town Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals have had no additional activity on this issue and it is being considered a dead issue by them.

Our Association turned 2 years old on April 2 and I can say along with my brother vets here in town that the acceptance we have received by town residents continues to exceed our greatest dreams when the idea of a Town Veterans Association was born. We are now over 70 members.

Our Association has officially adopted a logo design and hopefully it will become a familiar sight around town. Any Veteran resident of Pendleton is welcomed and encouraged to come and join our Association. For membership information call 716-625-8482 or 716-694-4574

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Our first annual flag sale on May 20 & 21 was a great success. We vets would like to thank all that made a visit to the Historical Society parking lot for the occasion. A special thanks goes out to the Pendleton Historical Society, Wendelville Fire Co. and Empire State West Military Vehicle Preservation Assn. for their participation and involvement. All proceeds and donations from the flag sale will be added to our PERMANENT VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND. As always U.S. Flags are available year round from our Association. Please call Gordie Bellinger at 625-4470 or visit us at our information table July 4 at Town Park.

The Memorial Day Wreath Laying ceremony at Town hall was well attended. Thanks to all that came to show respect and honor those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. A special thank you to State Senator Robert G. Ort, an Afghanistan combat veteran himself, for his kind words and for being a champion for veteran causes.

Thanks to the Niagara County Sheriff Dept and Captain Todd Ostrowski for hosting a field trip for our association to the county 911 call center facility and county jail during our 6/15 meeting .

Meetings are held at the Historical Society log cabin on Campbell Blvd. No meetings July & August. Our September meetings are: 9/7/16 & 9/21/16 at 1:00PM in the Historical Society log cabin.

Look for our Information table at Town Park July 4, 2016.

Greg Metzger & Rod Neubauer  
Board Members

## ASSESSMENT NEWS

This continuing section of our newsletter shows the Arm's Length sales for the previous quarter. Not included in Arm's Length sales are construction sales, estate sales, foreclosures and sales between relatives. \* Land sizes under one acre are not listed. Because sales will eventually affect what your home is assessed, it is important for property owners to see what is sold in town, and the sales prices.

DATE	ADDRESS	SELLER	SALE PRICE	ASSESSED VALUE	SQ. FT. L.A.	STYLE	YEAR BUILT	LAND*
02/05/16	7267 Bear Ridge Road	Martin	120,000	71,700	720	Ranch	1953	
02/17/16	4698 Beach Ridge Road	Bickford	108,000	115,000	1235	Ranch	1955	
03/01/16	4163 Tonawanda Creek Road	Meyer	549,000	356,800	4008	Colonial	1997	23.10
03/14/16	6181 Townline Road	Cole	316,000	232,000	2620	Colonial	1984	3.00
04/04/16	7183 Bear Ridge Road	Old	148,400	125,000	2344	Old	1825	4.60
04/11/16	6169 Campbell Blvd	Dombros	121,900	110,000	992	Split	1964	1.40
04/28/16	4627 Kriston Lane	Campanella	272,500	300,000	3621	Colonial	1986	

### REMINDER

If you move from your primary residence in Pendleton it is your obligation to notify the Assessor's office. Each residence that is receiving the Star Exemption signed the Star application acknowledging that they would notify the Assessor of their change in residency.

**If you purchased a house or moved after March 1, 2015 you now have to register for STAR**

### Register for STAR

The Register for STAR page links to the registration application and replaces the former Apply for STAR page. Link directly to the registration page using a custom STAR URL: [www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star).

### FAQs (Questions and answers for homeowners about the new STAR Credit Program)

· <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/star-2016-tp-faqs.htm> This is a brand new webpage.

### Property owners

· <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/propertyowners.htm> This is a new webpage specifically for property owners. The first row of content is a Keep up to date section that's meant to have rotating content. It's accessible via the button in the Property Owners card located on the Property portal.



Through advances in technology, more than 90% of individuals are carrying some form of wireless communication device. (Pew Research Center). Whether it be a

smartphone, an iPad or a flip top cellphone, people are equipped and ready to receive and send real-time alerts offering information as situations unfold. Some social media sources may give inaccurate, unverified or false information. NY-Alert is a free government service aimed to provide mass outreach to individuals that may be affected within a region with factual information provided by the government body.

Why not take advantage of opportunity to receive pertinent and critical information as situations occur? This critical information will not only keep you safe, but may help direct individuals during emergency crisis situations. This only occurs if you sign up to receive NY-alerts.

Members of the public can sign up to receive NY-ALERTS via the NY-ALERT web site at [www.nyalert.gov](http://www.nyalert.gov). The web portal allows users to select what type of alerts they wish to receive, what geographic area they are interested in, what times of day they wish to receive alerts, and how they desire to receive alerts (e.g., voice phone call, SMS/text message, email, etc.). Citizens can also set up accounts for family members who don't have access to a computer or the Internet.

Stay safe and have a great summer!

Councilman Todd Ostrowski

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## WENDELVILLE FIRE COMPANY NEWS

Wendelville Fire Company would like to again THANK all the citizens of the Town of Pendleton for their support again this year. The **Annual Spring Raffle** was a huge success. By the time you're reading this, our **Lobster Fest** has taken place, again with many of our citizens having enjoyed a fantastic dinner. All profits from these events are turned into new equipment and training for our members.

Our **Annual Road Collection Drive** has begun for 2016. Information and return envelopes will be arriving in your mail. Just a reminder, this drive is conducted in house by the Wendelville Fire Company, with no assistance from an outside contractor. We receive and appreciate all donations and comments that come from the citizens.

Since we have decided not to have our Field Days any longer, we are offering something exciting in its place!! The **2nd Annual Wendelville Volunteer Fire Company Car Show** is set for Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Beginning at 9 am, there will be the following events; Car Show voting and Awards, Our FAMOUS CHOWDER sale, food & beer tent, basket raffle (sponsored by our Auxiliary) and Bell Jar tickets available. You can get more information by calling Ryan at 799-3567; Online registration is now open at wncyruiser.com. Sounds like a winner!

We hope your calendars are marked for the 19<sup>TH</sup> Annual **HARVEST MOON 5K RUN, FUN WALK AND CHILDREN'S RACE!!!** September 7<sup>th</sup> is the date! There are categories for all ages in the different events – from 3 years old through 90 + you name it! Anyone can enter, especially in the Fun Walk, which is 2

Please complete Entry Form below. Pre-registration Fee \$20.00 Run & Fun Walk, \$8 Kid's Race (US Funds). Kid's Race, ages 3 & 4, 5 & 6, 7 & 8 (6:00 PM), 2 Mile Walk (6:15 PM), 5K Run (6:30 PM) Please make checks payable to WENDELVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, send entries to: Marty Cicatello, 6870 Creekview Drive, Lockport, NY 14094

## Wendelville Harvest Moon Entry Form

Name (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Age (Race Day) \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*In consideration of your accepting my entry and permitting me to attend or participate in the Harvest Moon - 5K Race & Walk, I intend to legally bind myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators and waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may now or in the future against Wendelville Volunteer Fire Company, Pendleton, New York, race committee, sponsors, agents; members or assigns for any losses and/or injuries suffered from competing in or attending the race. I verify that I am physically fit and have trained sufficiently for this race.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

miles long and just enough to get those joints moving and that heart pumping! How about the folks from your church or school? Perhaps you could form a team and challenge others! How about a parent – child team challenging another one from the neighborhood? All in good fun and for the good of all!

Questions? Call Jim, 694-5582 or Steve, 625-9468. (Great party afterwards! Minimal fee of \$5 for non participants to join in the party...) Anyone interested, please complete the entry form below in this newsletter and submit. We hope to see you there!

Another chance... to get in on the fun and excitement... plan on getting your ticket for our **Fall Sportsman's Raffle** Scheduled for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 5 – 8 pm. Tickets are \$20 and include the fun, food & festivities, as well as your chance on the many scheduled raffles. There will be lots of side raffles as well, just a great evening of enjoyment. Call Bruce Culligan at 628-7201 with questions or to get your tickets.



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## PENDLETON LIONS CLUB

# **We Serve**

The Lions Club resident 31<sup>st</sup> annual free senior dinner was held on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Pendleton Lions offered the Wendelville Seniors and the Pendleton Seniors, even all senior residents in the town of

Pendleton enjoyed a well cooked spaghetti dinner at no cost as a thank you for their help. The event was well attended and a great time was had by all of the guests and volunteers alike. Entertainment again was provided by Kevin Clark with his piano.

A plaque, honoring the late Lion Richard Meinhold was presented by President Ed and volunteers Maeve and Nolan Murphy. The plaque was presented to Barb Meinhold and her sister Jan honoring Lion Dick and the countless contributions he made to our club.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Starpoint HS senior awards breakfast the Pendleton Lions awarded six \$500.00 scholarships to graduating Pendleton Seniors. Since we determined that there were so many eligible students applying this year our scholarship committee elected to keep the awards at six and offer at least two of these awards to seniors who were continuing with their education at a two year college of their choice. Each applicant had to write an essay about how they could make the Town a better place to live. All applicants' writings were then looked at by the scholarship committee and the 6 were awarded to three female and three male seniors. Our recipients were Jacob Graham, Natalie Hahn, Andrew Moje, Anastasia Nepokroeff, Austin Owens & Madeline Thompson. Congratulation students, great job.

Don't forget the Kids free fishing Derby available to all Family members and relatives of town residents that the Pendleton Lions put on each year. This year's, our 47<sup>th</sup> annual event, was held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the west Canal Marina in the town. As like years before many of the kids were veterans of the annual Tonawanda Creek experience, even some of the kid's parents were kids who experienced this as children. A great time was had by all of the kids and their families and also the Lions who volunteered to measure fish, register children and cook for the children and their families. When it was all said and done many registrants, and we had over 150 children registered of all ages from 2 yrs. old to 16 years old. So, if you add the family members who came along and family friends our count more than doubled to over 350 guests and families in attendance. Not one went away disappointed. At 12PM the fishing was complete and the tables were filed with prizes for all kids who registered. After everyone finished eating a quick lunch each child was called to receive their prize because all who attended the event received some sort of prize. Lion Joe Beiter the annual event Chairman said that it again turned out to be a wonderful day for all who attended.

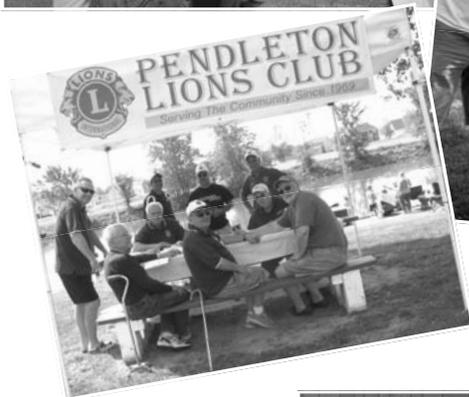
We would like to also thank some businesses who stepped up and donated gifts to our children. Thank you Cabela's and Dick's Sporting Goods for your generous donations for our children.

Thank you in advance for your support with our fund drives. Also, please remember to continue to support our directory advertisers. Thank you again for your continued support and donations.

Lion Secretary, Joe Biondo



### Lions Fishing Derby 2016



Pictured right: A plaque recognizing late Lion Richard Meinhold's contributions presented to his wife, Barb and her sister, Jan, by Maeve and Nolan Murphy along with Lion President Ed Maziarz



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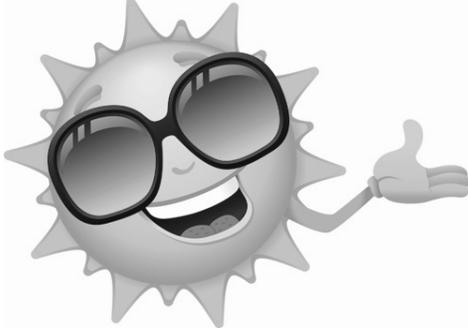
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